

## **Commissioner Julie Mix McPeak**



Commissioner Julie Mix McPeak was appointed by Governor Bill Haslam to lead the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance in January 2011. McPeak is the first woman to serve as chief insurance regulator in more than one state. She brings to the department more than 14 years of legal and administrative experience in state government.

Her leadership as Commissioner for Commerce and Insurance garnered recognition from Business Insurance Magazine and she was honored as one of the 2013 Women to Watch.

Before being named to lead the department, she practiced as Counsel to the Insurance practice group of law firm Burr & Forman LLP. She also served as the Executive Director of the Kentucky Office of Insurance (KOI). Before her appointment as Executive Director, McPeak spent nine years as an attorney for KOI, the final five as general counsel. She also served as general counsel to the Kentucky Personnel Cabinet.

McPeak served as co-counsel for the Kentucky Association of Health Plans v. Miller, a case heard before the Supreme Court of the United States, regarding ERISA preemption and state "Any Willing Provider" statutes. McPeak is a frequent author and lecturer on insurance issues, having addressed members of the American Council of Life Insurers, the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies, the National Alliance of Life Companies and the Million Dollar Roundtable. Her recent presentations include the Self-Insurance Institute of America and the South Carolina Captive Insurance Association. Recent articles include, "The Saga Continues: More Uncertainty for Fixed Indexed Annuity Insurers;" and "The Securities and Exchange Commission's Rule 151A: Laudable Goals, but Suspect Rationale." McPeak authored chapter 9: "Licensing of Insurers" for New Appleman on Insurance, Library Edition and co-authored the article, "The Future of State Insurance Regulation: Can it Survive?" featured in Risk and Management Insurance Review.

McPeak is a member of the Tennessee Bar Association, Kentucky Bar Association, Nashville Bar Association, and Franklin County Bar Association. She has been a member of the American Bar Association, Tort and Insurance Practice section, where she served as Vice-Chair of the Insurance Regulation Committee and a member of the Federal Involvement in Insurance Regulatory Modernization Task Force. She is a member of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, participating on the Executive Committee, serving as the Southeastern Zone Secretary, Chair of the Life Insurance and Annuities Committee and Co-Chair of the Principles-Based Reserving Implementation Task Force. McPeak has also served on the Board of Directors of the National Insurance Producer Registry.

McPeak received her J.D. from the University of Louisville, School of Law in 1994. She is a 1990 graduate of the University of Kentucky, where she received her B.B.A., With Distinction, in Marketing.